

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that the US PTO has not received the PCT search report and the references cited therein. In response thereto, the applicant draws the Examiner's attention to the notice of acceptance of application under 35 USC 371 and 37 CFR 1.495. In that notice of acceptance, the US PTO indicates receipt of a copy of the international search report. This copy also includes the references cited in the search report and therefore the US PTO has indicated receipt of those references. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to retrieve the references from the international portion of the file and to consider those references in the next office action.

The Examiner has objected to the abstract as including legal phraseology which has been corrected in the instant amendment. The Examiner has objected to the disclosure for several informalities on pages 5 and 8 which have been corrected in the instant amendment. Several minor corrections to the claims have also been indicated on the top of page 3 of the office action which have been corrected in the instant amendment.

The Examiner has rejected claim 11 under 35 USC 112 second paragraph as being indefinite since it apparently contradicts the recitation of claim 9. The Examiner has however indicated that claims 9, 10 and 12 through 18 are allowable over the prior art and that claim 11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112 second paragraph.

In response thereto, the applicant has recast claim 11 in independent form, thereby eliminating the contradiction with independent base claim 9. Claim 11 is therefore allowable as are the other claims of record due to their dependence on an allowable base claim as well as due to the

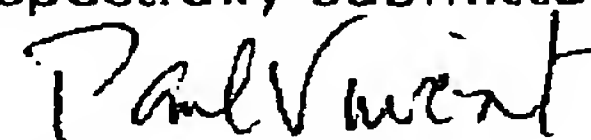
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indication thereof by the Examiner in the previous office action. Passage to issuance is therefore requested.

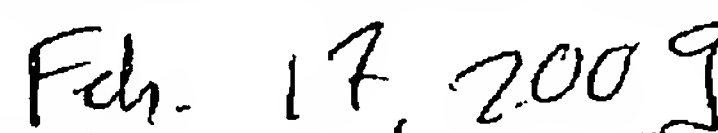
No new matter has been added in this amendment.

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